

ag sector grows four-to-ten times faster than in other sectors. And while the federal government provides about 24 percent of funding for ag research, the private sector pays more than 60 percent of the bill, proving ag research is one of government's best buys.

Much of agriculture's most innovative research is conducted in my home of Colorado. Research excellence is perhaps best exemplified at Colorado State University's Center for Economically Important Infectious Animal Diseases. The center provides America's livestock producers with the latest knowledge and technology in the fight against diseases. A leader in livestock research, the center also plays a key role in food safety concerns.

Another example is the National Beef Cattle Evaluation Consortium (NBCEC). Comprised of renowned scientists from CSU and other leading universities, as well as local cattlemen, the NBCEC is bolstering the competitiveness of U.S. beef by maximizing genetic research and returning the advantage to U.S. cattle producers.

The USDA's research budget has barely grown in real terms over two decades. But the recent livestock epidemics have provided an overdue wake up call, and we can expect Congress to advance a substantial increase in funding for ag research. If planned properly, such support will secure long-term solutions for the producers and consumers of today and tomorrow.

With more than one million individual farms and ranches comprising the U.S. livestock industry, investing in knowledge and prevention is one of the best ways policy makers can stand by American agriculture. It is a matter of national security. After all, at stake is America's capacity to feed itself and the rest of the world.

I ask the House to join me in supporting America's producers by doing everything possible to better the country's agricultural research.

#### 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF GUMA' MAMI

#### HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 20th anniversary of Guma' Mami, which means "Our House" in the native language of the people of Guam. Guma' Mami is a non-profit corporation whose mission is to facilitate the full inclusion and integration of adults with developmental disabilities or mental retardation into their communities through individual and family support. Their success stem from ensuring the highest quality of services to support, enhance and improve the quality of life of adults with cognitive and other developmental disabilities.

Guma' Mami began in May 1981 by providing individual and family support and planning a housing support program. Until recently, the organization operated three housing support programs—the Independent Group Home, the Mary Clare Home and a transition home. The Mary Clare Home, which was opened in memory of a young woman in need of positive behavior support, and the Independent Group Home accommodates 11 indi-

viduals. These homes are staffed 24-hours a day, 7-days a week by Community Living Counselors and supervised by a Housing Support Manager with the ultimate goal for these individuals to transition into a home of their choice with the support services they need. To date Guma' Mami has successfully helped 18 persons from its housing support program to homes of their own—from dependency to autonomy. The third home, a transition or emergency shelter, served as temporary housing for homeless developmentally disabled individuals as well as those soon to be homeless. The housing support program successfully ran its eighteen-month funding cycle and transferred clients to homes of their choice. It was funded by the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant.

Guma' Mami also assists individuals who live in the community by providing supportive services through its Comprehensive Case Management Program. Three Case Managers and a Program Coordinator in this section provide services and support for up to 104 individuals in the community. Case Managers monitor the progress of consumers by conducting consumer-driven needs assessment on an on-going basis and coordinate linkages with community resources, such as respite care, day programs, employment, psychological services, medical and dental services, as well as recreation and leisure, and emergency shelter when needed.

Other services provided by Guma' Mami include assisting clients by advocating for rights and training in self advocacy efforts; crisis intervention by providing coping skills for daily living, supportive counseling especially in time of crisis, positive behavior support and family training; and transportation services. Home visits and other personal contacts are made to assist with social integration, budget management, mobility training and personal hygiene. Guma' Mami is the legal guardian of some of the individuals with more significant disabilities. As legal guardian, Guma' Mami attends to the needs of these individuals, such as medical matters and living arrangements.

One of the hallmarks of Guma' Mami has been its ability to take on an active leadership role in the community. Today, the island community looks to Guma' Mami not only for the provision of housing options, but also for leadership in the planning and development of policy reform. Guma' Mami is represented in the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council, the Guam System for Assistive Technology, the University Affiliated Program on Developmental Disabilities, the Rehabilitation Council and the Statewide Independent Living Council. Guma' Mami takes pride in programs that are driven by the preference and choices of individuals it supports.

Twenty years later the organization continues to exist as a highly regarded professional service provider and this year they adopted the slogan, "IT'S ALL ABOUT CARE" to emphasize the basic human value that drives their mission of inclusion and integration of adults with developmental disabilities into their communities through individual and family support. The organization has implemented its three-year plan, "Guma' Mami: Millennium 2000," and has taken steps to begin meeting the goals and objectives as delineated in its plan.

In celebration of their 20th anniversary, and its continuous efforts to breakdown barriers, erase negative stereotypes of persons with developmental and mental disabilities, and educate the public, the Governor of Guam will proclaim the week of May 27 to June 2 as "Guma' Mami Week" in Guam. The Guam Legislature will also adopt a resolution in support of Guma' Mami's efforts.

The Guma' Mami Board of Directors, its staff and management have planned many activities for the week-long celebration. The celebration will begin with a Mass at Santa Teresita Church in Mangilao, the village where the organization's homes are located. Awareness activities include placing a banner along Guam's main highway, inviting the community to visit the Mary Clare and Independent Group Homes and to watch a series of interviews with Guma' Mami clients and staff during the nightly TV news program. Guma' Mami Week will culminate with a luncheon at which clients and persons in the community who have been of great support to Guma' Mami will be recognized.

Mr. Speaker, I share this story with you and my colleagues as a proud member of the Guma' Mami organization, and because its success is a reflection of the selflessness, the generosity and the caring nature of the people of my district. I lend my support in the form of financial contributions and by always being vigilant on the availability of federal grants with which the organization may improve the quality of its services. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating the staff and management of Guma' Mami, headed by Executive Director Peter Blas, for their tireless efforts to provide a positive and pro-active impact in the lives of persons with disabilities through community involvement, service excellence, and advocacy efforts.

Congratulations are also in order for the Board of Directors under the guidance and leadership of President James Denney for their significant contribution to the Guam community, most especially to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families enabling them to become active and contributing members of the community.

#### TRIBUTE TO LAURIE MATTHEWS

#### HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 22, 2001*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Laurie Matthews. For the past decade Laurie has directed the Colorado State Parks through a period of transition that has resulted in the system becoming a "national model." Overseeing forty state parks with an annual budget of \$40 million, Laurie has become one of the most valued leaders in outdoor recreation in the nation.

When Laurie took charge of the state parks system, it consisted of 190,000 acres with a maintenance backlog that experts said would take over forty years to clear up. Under her leadership the state park system in Colorado expanded by 25,000 acres worth \$54 million and completely erased the maintenance backlog. Her dedication to the outdoors showed in her bolstering of environmental education and interpretation by adding 19 new visitor centers